

I would like to ask all of the Members to join me in welcoming my good friend and our pastor, Dr. Scudder, as our guest chaplain.

HONORING KRISTI HOUSE FOR WORK WITH VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, since the catastrophic events of September 11, Americans are learning to work through the trauma of terror and victimization. We have become stronger and more united, but we will never forget the malicious acts that were committed against us.

However, others live in terror every day. For example, many young victims of sexual abuse have fear each and every day of their lives. They, too, may not know when or how the perpetrator may strike, but unlike the victims of September 11, these children's own stories are often locked away in a family's conspiracy to ignore, deny, avoid, and even to forget the sexual abuse.

Without appropriate intervention, child sexual abuse may lead to numerous behavioral and psychological disorders. In my south Florida district, Kristi House services these victims, and on Sunday, November 11, they will host a benefit dinner and auction at Norman's Restaurant.

Kristi House works with law enforcement, protective services, medical and legal agencies, to provide treatment unique to a family's situation. Each year, almost 2,000 children are victimized by sexual abuse. I congratulate Kristi House for their comprehensive and effective intervention which it provides each and every day.

INTRODUCTION OF THE I LOVE NEW YORK TAX DEDUCTION ACT

(Mrs. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am thankful that 109 of my colleagues came to New York to view the devastation at Ground Zero. But the severe impact on New York City's economy is harder to see. Restaurants are empty, hotels are vacant, five Broadway shows have closed, and small businesses are suffering all over our State. Tourism is New York's second largest industry, and we need to bring people back to New York State.

Along with my bipartisan colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. REYNOLDS), and over 60 of my colleagues, including Senators SCHUMER and CLINTON, we have introduced the I Love New York Tax Relief Act. For the next year, it would allow individuals to deduct up to \$500, and families up to \$1,000, for spending money in New York City's restaurants, lodging, and entertainment outlets.

I urge my colleagues and the President to put our money where our heart is and give Americans another way to say, "I love New York."

SALUTING SOUTH FLORIDA BLOOD BANK AND LOCAL CHAPTERS OF AMERICAN RED CROSS, AND URGING CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR THEIR EFFORTS

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment to salute several organizations in my community, one particularly, the South Florida Blood Bank, and the local chapters of the American Red Cross and United Way of Palm Beach County for their outstanding contributions during these difficult past 3 weeks.

Our communities came together to fight an evil, and we have won. In the case of the blood bank, a typical week yields about 500 pints. In the first week after the event, we were blessed with over 7,600 pints of life. United Way and Red Cross had record contributions to assist in the effort in Washington and New York. I applaud them. I thank them. Their generosity speaks volumes about the great patriots who live in our country, particularly those I am proud to call constituents in my communities.

But I also ask my communities to now rally around those same local charities as they endeavor to continue their efforts for local communities. We have been generous to New York and Washington. We cannot forget those struggling at home, those that need our help. These charities need to go forward, now more than ever, to assist our localities.

I thank them more than ever; I appreciate that they are there for us in the time of need. I salute them.

CONGRESS SHOULD REVIEW OUR FOREIGN POLICY AND BORDER PROBLEMS

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, it is time to face the facts: we cannot secure our home with our doors unlocked. America's borders are wide open, wide open.

The truth is, America remains vulnerable to terrorism. Yet some in this Congress still expect policemen to defeat these terrorists. Beam me up. Police departments deal with domestic crime, not invasions. Terrorism will not stop until Congress secures our borders and Palestinians have a homeland.

All America understands that commonsense approach, and Congress should objectively review our foreign policy and our border problems.

RECOGNIZING BRAVE HEROES IN THE THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS, MEMBERS OF THE COLLIN COUNTY COLLEGE FIRE ACADEMY, AND FIREFIGHTERS EVERYWHERE

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize some brave heroes in the Third Congressional District of Texas. Last week, I visited the Collin County Fire Academy. There were about 100 firefighters there from all over the area: Plano, Richardson, Frisco, McKinney. Those guys are just great.

I went to visit them with the sole purpose of expressing my sincere appreciation for their dedication and efforts to protect the home front and for raising over \$36,000 for the New York Fire Department September 11 Fund.

September 11 is going to forever live in the hearts and minds of not just Americans but every single person who values freedom, peace, and security. The firefighters and those in training in Collin County recognize that. They make our neighborhood safer and our lives better. I am just sorry we had to have this devastating tragedy to thrust this heroic, selfless occupation into the spotlight.

Again, to all firefighters, please know that we appreciate all they are preparing to do or have done. I thank them, and God bless them all. God bless America.

URGING MEMBERS TO SUPPORT THE MILLER-MILLER AMENDMENT AND END AN OUTDATED, OUTDATED SUGAR PROGRAM

(Mr. DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. In the farm bill, the sugar program is outmoded, outdated. It is costing us jobs. It is monopolistic. It boils right down to being corporate greed or welfare.

I know that proponents will say, But it helps farmers. Yes, I believe in helping family farms, but here is a program where 1 percent or just 17 farms collect 58 percent of the subsidy. If this is not a monopoly, then I do not know what is.

This is one reason why I support the Miller-Miller amendment. It does not eliminate the sugar program; but it does save jobs, protects the environment, and helps to keep manufacturing business at home.

Let us stop playing sugar daddy to a few monopolistic plantations. Support the Miller-Miller amendment.

AMERICA'S RESPONSE TO TERRORISM

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, this great and powerful Nation of ours is about to respond. We will respond mightily. We will respond, not just against the terrorists themselves, but against those who harbor and protect them.

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The Taliban of Afghanistan is at the very top of the list. As we prepare to deal with them, we have to remember the civilians of that country. We must be careful to minimize the impact on the innocent people of Afghanistan.

Mr. Speaker, I am a veteran. I know that sometimes innocent people die in war, but in the case of Afghanistan, perhaps more than any other, we will be at war with the terrorist organizations and with the government that aids and abets them, not with the people.

The people of Afghanistan are victims too. They have been brutalized by the Taliban, by the communists who were there before them. They have not known peace for decades. Millions have starved and become refugees. We will need to help those surrounding countries that will be impacted by the refugees. We need to communicate to the people of Afghanistan, reach out to them and let them know that we are their friends, and that once Osama bin Laden and the Taliban are gone, and they will be gone, we want to be a friend and ally to the people of Afghanistan.

FARM SECURITY ACT OF 2001

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 248 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 248

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2646) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2011. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed two hours equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. In lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committees on Agriculture and International Relations now printed in the bill, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, modified by the amendment printed in part B of the report. That amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against that amend-

ment in the nature of a substitute are waived. No amendment to that amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed before October 3, 2001, in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII and except pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. Each amendment so printed may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee and shall be considered as read. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order as original text. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HALL), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

(Mr. HASTINGS of Washington asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 248 is a modified open rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 2646, the Farm Security Act of 2001. The rule provides two hours of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill.

The rule further provides that in lieu of the amendments recommended by the chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on International Relations now printed in the bill, it shall be in order to consider, as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the 5-minute rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the printed text in part A of the Committee on Rules report accompanying the resolution, modified by the amendment printed in part B of the report. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute and provides that it be shall be considered as read.

The rule further makes in order only those amendments that have been preprinted in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD before October 3, 2001, and provides that each such amendment may be offered only by the amendment who caused it to be printed or a designee and shall be considered as read. Finally, the rules provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2646 provides \$73.5 billion over the next 10 years to over-

haul the 1996 farm bill. It reauthorizes a Food for Progress Program, which finances food grants to developing countries that are committed to democracy and free market system at \$100 million per year through 2001. I am especially pleased that this bill reauthorizes the Market Access program, which helps producers, including many tree fruit growers in Central Washington, in my district, promote exports abroad and increases that funding by \$110 million per year to \$200 million annually.

The MAP funds have proven to be an effective means of assisting producers not normally provided for the federal farm legislation. Cherries, apples, grapes, dry peas, hops and lentils are just a few of the commodities in my district that benefit from this important program.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2646 is a balanced bill providing support for American agricultural through commodity assistance, conservation programs, nutrition programs, enhanced international trade, rural development, forestry initiatives, and a host of other important provisions.

The bill was reported by the Committee on Agriculture by a voice vote and is broadly supported by members of that Committee and our colleagues in the whole House. In order to permit Members seeking to improve the bill to the fullest extent possible, an opportunity was given to offer amendments. The Committee on Rules is pleased to report the modified open rule requested by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support both the rule and the underlying bill, H.R. 2646.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) for yielding me the time.

This is a modified open rule. It will allow for the consideration of a bill which funds farm price supports, conservation programs, domestic nutrition programs, and international food assistance over the next 10 years.

As my colleague from Washington has described, this rule provides 2 hours of general debate to be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture.

This allows germane amendments under the 5-minute rule. This is the normal amending process in the House. The rule requires that all amendments must be preprinted in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Mr. Speaker, there is no human need more basic than food. Ensuring that our citizens are fed is one of the most important duties of government. This bill establishes the basic framework of government support for farmers to maintain a stable, affordable source of good food for Americans. The bill also